employees in the Recruitment, Promotion and Seniority Rules of ITDC.

(d) There are 342 employees in ITDC who have put in more than 5 years of service in between the position of Senior Asstt./PA to that of Senior Managers in ITDC.

(e) Presently, no such proposal is under consideration of ITDC.

Service of Recruitment rules demanded by the employees Union of ITDC

113. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that after being dissatisfied with the existing Recruitment, Promotion & Seniority Rules, Transfer, Welfare and Medical Rules/systems, the Unions representing majority of the employees in ITDC have been demanding from Management mutually agreed Rules for over the last 8 years;

(b) if so. what is the reaction of the Management to the mutually agreed Rules in ITDC as demanded by the unions concerned from time to time;

(c) whether it is a fact that All India ITDC Employees Union submitted their parawise comments on Medical and Recruitment, promotion & Seniority Rules about two years back for negotiation and settlement; and

(d) if so, by which date the said rules would be discussed and settled with them for adoption and implementation in the larger interest of the employees ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) ITDC Management has been receiving from time to time representations from the Unions including All India ITDC Employees Union suggesting changes in the ITDC Recruitment, Promotion & Seniority Rules, Medical Rules, etc. After considering their representations, ITDC Management carried out certain changes in the Rules which are beneficial in the larger interest of the Corporation and its employees.

Billing of banquets served in ITDC Hotels

114. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that billing of the banquets in ITDC Hotels is done on basis of plates served and not on the basis of the number of persons actually served;

(b) if not, then what is the factual position and actual system approved by the ITDC Board for billing the banquets served in ITDC Hotels; and

(c) whether Government propose to device some foolproof systems like introduction of computerised billing to banquetting service to curb the prevailing malpractices in ITDC Hotels while billing the banquets services ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present no such proposal is under consideration of ITDC as the prevalent system is considered quite satisfactory.

Functioning of East and West Airlines

115. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is ihe total number of Aircraft owned or leased by East and West Airlines, which is a private airline;

(b) what is the total passenger-capacity of these aircraft; and

(c) what is the number of employees who are working in this airline from top to bottom on air and ground with category-wise details of Pilots, Engineers, Air Hostesses, Executives, Salesmen, Clerks, Loaders and Peons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) East-West Airlines has 10 aircraft in its fleet. The total passenger capacity of these aircraft is 1100 approximately.

(c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

Uniforms *to* female staff of Indian Airlines

116. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is providing same type of uniform to all the male staff from Grade I to Grade IX;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing the same type of uniforms to the female staff of grade I to II (including sweepers);

(c) what are the reasons for not providing same type of sarees to the female staff of Grade I and II in Indain Airlines;

(d) the number of female staff working in grade I & II in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad, region-wise; and

(e) whether Indian Airlines propose to issue the same type of uniform to all the lady staff grades I to IX (like male staff) in near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Polyester sarees with silk finish are issued to Grades I and JJ female employees, while pure silk sarees are issued to Grade III—*IX* female employees, in consideration of suitability for the nature of duties entrusted.

(d) The number of female employees working in Grade I/II region-wise as on 20-4-1993 is as under :—

Eastern Region	:	54
Western Region	:	61
Northern Region	:	52
Southern Region	:	9
Hyderabad	:	27
Headquarters	:	17

(e) No, Sir.

Telephones working in the State of Karnataka

117. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA ; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of telephones working in the State of Karnataka;

(to) the number of persons who are in the waiting list as on date; and

(c) by when the Department proposes to clear the list ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) 4,34,456 Direct Exchange Lines as on 31-3-93.

(b) 1,74,845 waiting list as on 31-3-93.

(c) As per the 8th plan objective, the wailing period for Telephone Connections is to be reduced to two years in large Telephones System and Telephone practically on demand in rural/tribal areas, by the end of 8th plan period (1992—97).